

aid of Isis and Nephthys, of Thoth and Horns, pieced reigns as together the broken body of the murdered god, swathed It <sup>^f\_e^a^</sup> in linen bandages, and observed all the other rites which thre the Egyptians were wont to perform over the bodies of the <sup>^^</sup> departed. Then Isis fanned the cold clay with her wings: Osiris revived, and thenceforth reigned as king over the dead 'in the other world.'<sup>1</sup> There he bore the titles of Lord of the Underworld, Lord of Eternity, Ruler of the Dead.<sup>2</sup> There, too, in the great Hall of the Two Truths, assisted by forty-two assessors, one from each of the principal districts of Egypt, he presided as judge at the trial of the souls of the departed, who made their solemn confession before him, and, • their heart having been weighed in the balance of justice, received the reward of virtue in a life eternal or the appropriate punishment of their sins.<sup>3</sup> The confession or rather profession The <sup>con</sup> which the *Book of the Dead* puts in the mouth of the deceased [ at the judgment-bar of Osiris<sup>4</sup> sets the morality of the ancient Egyptians in a very favourable light. In rendering an account of his life the deceased solemnly protested that he had not oppressed his fellow-men, that he had made none to weep, that he had done no murder, neither committed fornication nor borne false witness, that he had not falsified the balance, that he had not taken the milk from the mouths of babes, that he had given bread to the hungry and water to the thirsty, and had clothed the naked. In harmony

<sup>1</sup> A. Erman, *Die ägyptische Religion* <sup>^</sup> *the Egyptians*, ii. 141 <sup>^^</sup> ; *id.*, *Osiris* PP- 39 <sup>sg- ></sup> G. Maspero, *Histoire and the Egyptian Resurrection*, i. 305 *ancienne des Peuples de P Orient* sqq. ; A. Erman, *Die ägyptische Religion* <sup>Re-</sup> *Classique*, i. 176; E. A. Wallis *ligion?* pp. 116 sqq. Budge, *The Gods of the Egyptians*, ii.<sup>4</sup> *The JBook of the Dead*, ch. **xxxv.**

140, 262; *id.*, *Osiris and the Egyptian* (vol. ii. pp. 355 *sqq.* of Budge's *Resurrection*, i. 70-75, 80-82. On translation; P. Pierret, *Le Livre des Osiris* as king of the dead see Plutarch, *Mars*, Paris, 1882, pp. 369 *sqq.*)\*  
<sup>1</sup> *Isis et Osiris*, 79. R. V. Lanza, *Dizionario di Mitologia*  
<sup>2</sup> Miss Margaret A. Murray, *The Egizia*, pp. 788 *sqq.*; A. Wiedemann, *Osireion at Abydos* (London, 1904), *Die Religion der alien Agypter*, pp. 8, 17, 18. 132-134; *id.*, *Religion of the Ancient Egyptians*, pp. 249 *sqq.*; G. Maspero, see A. Wiedemann, *Die Religion der Histoire ancienne des Peuples de l'Orient alien Agypter*, pp. 131 *sqq.*; *id.*, *Classique*, i. 188-191; A. Erman, *Religion of the Ancient Egyptians*, *Die agyptische Religion*\* pp. 117-121; pp. 248 *sqq.*; G. Maspero, *Histoire* E. A. Wallis Budge, *Osiris and the ancienne des Peuples de l'Orient* *Egyptian Resurrection*, i. 337-338; J. *Classique*, i. 187 *sqq.*; E. A. Wallis H. Breasted, *Development of Religion* Budge, *The Book of the Dead* ~ (London, and *Thought in Ancient Egypt*, pp. 1909), i. pp. liii. *sqq.*; *id.*, *The Gods of* 297 *sqq.*